“Will good buildings mean better Health?”
Sarah McDonagh
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Results of the Service Evaluation Assessment

Why did we do it?
To test assumptions of feelings of loneliness, isolation, sleep & future preference.

Designed a questionnaire which patients were asked to fill in 9 sections with either Yes or No answers, and to grade satisfaction.

Collection started April 2010 continued until August 2010.

120 completed questionnaires were analysed and the report was completed in September 2010.

Age

Gender

Previous Experience of Single Room

Satisfaction of being in a Single Room
What is your Sleep Pattern in a Single Room

Has it worked?

Bevan Ward has shown the benefits of caring for patients in single rooms and the staff have adapted extremely well.

Can this positive result transfer across the NHS?

I believe it can as long as we meet the fundamental principles of:
- Good design with good visualisation
- Correct staffing levels at all times
- Clear direction, support & Leadership

Future Preference

Pease NJF, Finlay IG. (2002) “Do patients and their relatives prefer single cubicles or shared wards

66% wanted to be in an open area – main reason being to avoid isolation.


70% of patients in shared and 40% in single rooms preferred shared accommodation on a future admission.

Future Preference

The Future

We can now say with some confidence that the majority of people surveyed preferred single rooms. However, 7% of respondents requested to be nursed in a four bedded bay if admitted in the future.

If we all go to a 100% single room model could this mean we have removed an element of patient choice?

“The Team”